

**Pohick Episcopal Church • January 10, 2021 • 9:00 am**

First Sunday after the Epiphany • The Baptism of Our Lord • Morning Prayer Rite II

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**Opening Welcome**

**Prelude** *Prelude on the introit for Epiphany* *Durufié*

Officiant The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him. p. 81

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People* p. 79

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**The Invitatory and Psalter** p. 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

*People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*Officiant and People*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7* p. 82

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Psalm 29** (in unison)

*Afferte Domini*

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

*Officiant and People*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.*

**The Lessons**

Reader A Reading from Genesis (1:1-5)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

**The Third Song of Isaiah** *Surge, illuminare* (in unison)

*Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

Reader A Reading from Acts (19:1-7)

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied - altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn 119 *As with gladness, men of old*

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;  
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;  
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;  
 5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
 2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;  
 3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
 4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
 5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.  
 2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.  
 3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.  
 4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
 5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889);  
 harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Reader A Gospel Reading from Mark (1:4-11)

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** The Reverend Dr. Lynn P. Ronaldi, *Rector*

**Solo** *Shall we gather at the river?*

*Lowry*

**The Apostles' Creed** *Officiant and People, all standing*

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*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**The Prayers**

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**Officiant** The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

**Officiant** Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Officiant** Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People* *And grant us your salvation.*

**Officiant** Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People* *Let your people sing with joy.*

**Officiant** Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People* *For only in you can we live in safety.*

**Officiant** Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People* *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

**Officiant** Let your way be known upon earth;

*People* *Your saving health among all nations.*

**Officiant** Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People* *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

**Officiant** Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People* *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

Collect for the First Sunday after the Epiphany

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 121 *Christ, when for us you were baptized*

1 Christ, when for us you were bap-tized, God's Spi-rit on you came,  
2 God called you his be-lov-ed Son, called you his ser-vant true,  
3 Straight-way and stead-fast un-til death you then o-beyed his call  
4 Bap-tize us with your Spi-rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,  
as peace-ful as a dove and yet as ur-gent as a flame.  
sent you his king-dom to pro-claim, his ho-ly will to do.  
free-ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
that, like-wise in God's ser-vice we may per-fect free-dom find.

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## **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

*Officiant* Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Let us pray for all those affected by COVID-19**, by illness or hunger, or by loss of life, job or home. For all who are isolated, alone, or discouraged.

**We pray for Pohick Church** and all churches who are learning to be community in new ways.

**We especially pray for an end to the pandemic, and wisdom for our leaders.** We give thanks for the coming vaccine.

**We pray for an end to racism and all social injustice**, for the courage to protest wrongs peacefully, and for an end to the civil unrest and violence in our nation.

**We pray for all who have died**, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially for Jackie Geschickter.

**We pray for family and friends who are first responders, hospital personnel, and fire and rescue personnel:** Dr. Kevin Botts, Will Prados, Julie Kiefer, Karen; Laura; Jennifer; Dr. Will Edmonson; Kathe Hannis Clark RN, Michelle Alley Sherrod, RN, Alison Brown Tuttle; Sara Mulhern, Nathan Crane, Dr. Susanne Roberts, Dr. Richard Yoon, Lindsey Chapman, Taylor Bireley, Chris Johnson, Grace Agar, Lt Anthony Marsico, Jr, Dr. Laurie Mortara, Melissa, Laura, Ashley, Avery, Chase, Teddy, Elizabeth Bartkowiak, Davis Sessums, Dr. Tony Slavinski, Christian Lavenski RN, Robert Foresman, Alex Foresman, Katie Arnhart, Dr. George Smallfield III, Dr. Melissa Smallfield, Patrick Burkey, Dr. John Orona, Dr. Devon Watson, Dr. Megan Sise, Dr. Uulana Bodnar, Ashley Nicholson, Kathy Vitale, Christian Ewaskiewicz, RN, Kathy Aagesen; Justin and Nora Scot, Susan Plain, Lea Schmitt, Chris Stone, Lisa Keill, Alison Tompkins, Sheriden Floyd RN, William Low, Cameron Craig, Christina Petty, RN, Courtney Hayward, RN, Rachel Mazerolle, RN, Dr. Sunmolu Beckley, Dr. Maxwell James, Dr. Cameron Webb, Dr. Adrian Ambrose, Funmilayo Onipede, Nicole Habel, Haley Sanchez, Funmilayo Abiara, Annie Hammer, Ty Ashworth, Rose Kepnang, Alyssa Craig, Carmen Watson, Tom, Bailey, Dr. Alley Ronaldi, Melissa Villamoor, Dr. Dan Derbes III, Danielle Derbes, PA, Anna Delania and Tracy Torseth, RNs.

**We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation**, especially for Kristy Girten, the Nelson Family, Penelope Mann, Kenneth Minter, Archie Taylor and family, Erika Knudsen, George Crump, Haydee Sparks, Peter Thomas, Tom Murphy, Carole Fischer, Joan Parsons, Adrian McCabe, Willy and Christel Lowel, Suzi Scott, Sharon Michel, Bryan Tuccillo, Victoria Sackett, D'Andrea Wooten, Beth Cooke, Joan

Egan, Bill Hosp, Wendy, Margery, Jack Florio, Tim Dwyer, William Low, Simon Delgado, Stan Coss, Patricia Scott, James King, Funmi Oduolowu, Fiona, Harry Petrie, Raymond Hawthorne, Susan Yarwood, Diane, Jim, Mary Hoffman, Jim and Lynn Anderholm, Carol and Glenn Larkin, Sr., Cindy Johnston, Tom Bland, Pam Botts, Sarah Parfitt, Millie Kiefer, Jim Bloom, Nancy Bireley, the Hunter Family, Bonnie Echols, Femi Ayorinde, and Diana Gutierrez.

**We also pray for those having birthdays this week:** Hettie Beachum, Catherine Godley, Stephen Harding, Caroline Billingsley, Rick Nelson, Matthew Gurrola, Kenneth Wrona, Charles Sessums, Hannah Vaughn, Edith Bartlett, Dennis Dalpino, Wesley Speer, and Kristina Myers.

**We pray for our members who serve our country,** particularly those overseas, and their families: John Winston, Tony Winston, Arch Wilson, Ryan Moatta, Rick Church, Katie Weber, Jesse Grimm, and Marty Wilson.

**We pray for Christians and others around the world,** especially those in Burma, China, Nigeria, and North Korea, who continue to face persecution for their faith.

**We pray for peace in the Middle East,** and for the Church in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Israel.

**In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for** the Central Richmond Region churches: Christ Ascension; Grace & Holy Trinity; Holy Comforter; St. Andrew's; St. James's; St. John's; St. Mark's; St. Paul's; St. Peter's; St. Philip's; St. Stephen's; and St. Thomas.

*Other intercessions may be typed in Facebook comments, or spoken aloud or in silence.*

### **Concluding Collect**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people;  
In the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help;  
for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now  
and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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#### *Officiant and People*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

### Closing remarks

Postlude *Prelude in C major*

*Pachelbel*

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Acolyte: Samantha Biddlecomb

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join us at 9:00 am next **Sunday, January 17, for Morning Prayer Rite II**. The service will be streamed live on Facebook. Visit [pohick.org](http://pohick.org) for link.
- Next Sunday is also the **Annual Parish Meeting** at 11:00 am. The meeting will be held via Zoom. An email will be sent soon with instructions on how to join the meeting. Email or call the church office with questions.
- **Adult Christian Education** will offer several Zoom studies beginning in February: a book/movie study on “Just Mercy” led by D’Andrea Wooten and Rev. Lynn; a Women’s Bible Study led by Amy Bontrager; and a Men’s Bible Study led by Tony Harriman. Stay tuned for more details.
- **Pledge envelopes** can be picked up in the Parish Hall lobby, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. If you are unable to come by, call 703-339-6572 or email Mike at [mmorgan@pohick.org](mailto:mmorgan@pohick.org) to have them mailed. It is not too late to submit your pledge for 2021!
- Please get your vaccine as soon as it becomes available!

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